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**Purpose**

To coordinate and support the preparation, publication and continued maintenance of the San Diego Regional Standard Specifications and Drawings for Public Works Construction by all public agencies within the San Diego area. The use of common standard specifications and drawings on a countywide basis results in more consistent work by public agencies as well as decreased costs for all agencies.

**Background**

In 1967, the first “Greenbook” Standards Specifications for Public Works Construction was issued in Southern California. In 1973, the County of San Diego adopted this policy to promote the use of regional standard specifications and drawings as a supplement to the “Greenbook” Standard Specifications.

A Regional Standards Committee was established to facilitate the development of regional standard specifications and drawings. Membership in the committee is open to Chief Engineers from the County, cities, special districts, utility companies, and construction industry associations. The County coordinates committee meetings and the member agencies select a chair and vice chair of the committee.

The Regional Standards Committee meets at least quarterly to review the regional standard specifications and drawings that have been adopted by the County. The committee makes recommendations for the modification of the County’s standard specifications and drawings and maintains records of the changes that it has recommended.

**Policy**

It is the policy of the Board of Supervisors that:

1. The modifications recommended by the Regional Standards Committee to the County’s regional standard specifications and drawings for public works construction be incorporated therein unless the same are determined by the County Engineer to be inconsistent with sound engineering practice.
2. The County Engineer will publish, on at least an annual basis, a current copy of the San Diego Regional Standard Specifications and Drawings for Public Works Construction. The published standards will be available for sale to cities, special districts, other governmental agencies, contractors and the general public at publication cost.

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3. The regional standards published by the County Engineer shall be the adopted standards for public works construction in the County of San Diego. The County may use California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) standards, where applicable, for the County's Capital Improvement Program projects.
4. Since these standards are of countywide benefit, expenditure of County funds is authorized for their review, preparation and publication.

**Sunset Date**

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by 12/31/16.

**Board Action**

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**CAO Reference**

1. Department of Public Works